

fact that 10,000 miles have been put on the car does not mean that it has lost 15 percent of its actual value. If we're going to establish a tax policy, I don't think it ought to be on a sliding scale. When I take my car in, they don't say, Ernie, since it's your car and you drive back and forth to Lincoln a lot, it's not going to have that much resale value, then we're going to value it less than we would that same year and model Honda owned by a school teacher, which is the example they always use. They don't do that. They don't look at how many miles my car has as opposed to somebody with the same year, model and make of car will have. They don't look at the resale value of my car as opposed to somebody else's, it fits into a class or category of property and it's taxed on that basis. This is making subclassifications and you can refuse to accept the amendment if you want to, as we can on any amendment. But don't say that this bill is not helping the new and used car dealers because it is. It helps them move cars. Why do you think newspaper publishers don't want a tax on their newspapers? They don't care how much you, the consumer, will have to pay for a newspaper, they simply think they will sell fewer of them if you have to increase the cost by adding a tax to it. That's not done to help the consumer, it's done to help the publisher and the distributor of the newspaper so they can sell more of them. You might incidentally get some benefit but these new car dealers and used car dealers are not in the business to benefit the consumer. If they were, you would not say that they may as well be operating in Florida selling citrus fruits based on the number of lemons that they sell to consumers. So what my amendment would say is that you're going to help the new and used car dealers move these cars by letting...requiring the tax commissioner to reduce the value of that vehicle by 15 percent, and that will help the consumer also. But I don't want it to become a sliding scale where if it's 15,000 miles then the tax commissioner looks at each individual vehicle. That's what would have to happen and somebody could take the tax commissioner to court and say...by saying at least it means I can get more. And if the basis for the reduction is the number of miles then if I show that this car I'm purchasing has more miles than this, I should get a bigger reduction. So, to avoid all of that, taxing policy should be certain, and my amendment will make it certain. They will get the 15 percent reduction in value. And I would like somebody who deals with taxation issues. See, since I don't talk about them all the time, I don't know anything about taxes. I don't know anything about real property taxes. I don't know about personal property